

Pattern 6647: Lady's & Maid's House Dress or Overall



Issued in *Madame Weigel's Journal of Fashion* in January 1940, this pattern was intended for Ladies and Young Ladies, now called Maids.

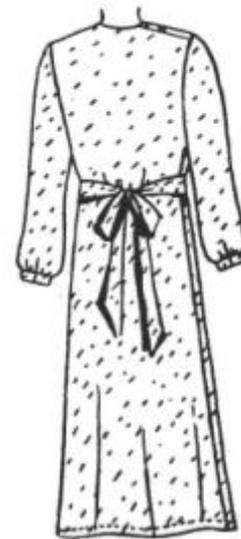
Pattern 6647: Lady's & Maid's House Dress or Overall was clearly practical in line with the new needs of wartime; World War Two had recently started, so women turned their skills to a wide range of tasks.

The accompanying text read:

This practical house frock or overall opens out for laundering and will be found most useful for all home duties. The tie end passes through a slot at side front, and the square neck may be opened to form revers if desired.

Suitable materials were seen as plain or printed cottons, linens, or silks. Note the holly pattern on the fabric used in the illustration.

Seven sizes were offered, from waist 22 inches to 36 inches. The pattern cost 1s.



Rear view of pattern

Repeated four times between issue in 1940 and the last repeat in 1945, the pattern served Australasian women well.

Sizes ranged from 16yrs, then 32" to 42" bust. Price, 1s or 1/3 including duty and sales tax.

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